(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of short/long term plans drawn up to adequately meet the growing demand for various categories of skilled manpower in the aviation sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Maintenance of time-schedule by private airlines

1500. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of private players in domestic aviation market, often do not maintain the declared time schedule of take-off;

(b) if so, how they are being allowed to be on runway/airports for so many hours; and

(c) whether they pay any extra charges for extra use of airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No aircraft is being allowed to be on runway for more than the time required for landing and take-off depending on the type of aircraft. Prescribed rates for parking are charged as per airport charges of Airports Authority of India.

WHO directions on travel of diseased persons

1501. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether WHO have issued directions to the airlines to protect the travellers, while flying in the aircraft, to be away for the T.B. and other fatal diseased travellers;

(b) if so, the details of such direction and by when these are expected to be implemented in India;

(c) whether while purchasing an air ticket, the concerned person shall have to produce a medical fitness certificate; and

(d) how the patients shall be deprived of this facility/permitted to fly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The guidelines provide for certain steps to be taken by the airline operators to avoid the risk of transmission of tuberculosis during flight. The Government has issued a circular to all operators for compliance.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) According to guidelines issued by WHO, airline companies should deny boarding to any person who is known to have infectious turberculosis and is intending to travel on a flight whose total duration is likely to be at least eight hours.

New airport in Sikkim

1502. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects pending with the Central Government for construction of various airports in the country particularly in the State of Sikkim;

(b) the present status of these airports; and

(c) the details of financial allocation made so far by Government for construction of airports in the country especially in the State of Sikkim, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) At present, proposals relating to construction of new airports at Gangtok in Sikkim, Kohima in Nagaland, Chakan, Pune and Navi Mumbai in Maharashtra, Ajmer in Rajasthan, Kannur in Kerala, Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh, Raiganj in West Bengal, Bharuch in Gujarat and Civil Enclave at Halwara in Punjab are being examined by the Government. There are well laid down procedures for development of greenfield airports and the abvoe proposals have to conform to the prescribed conditions before being considered for approval.